



Europäische Schule RheinMain
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ESRM Kulturausschuss/Culture Committee, 12.12.2023

Mitglieder:

Schulleitung: Tom Zijlstra, Gitta Lotz, Daniella Schmitt, Marcus Adams,
Elternvereinigung: Janina Wiebols, Nikoleta Wenzel, Vanessa Schlüter-Haag, Bethan Jones, Tim Uhle
Primarschule: Chanelle Boeldt, Monika Sohns, Natasha Mackenzie-Ford
Sekundarschule: Rufino Cuesta, Kornelia Harskuti
Schülervertretung: Mick Riley, Kai Heiligtag (absent, S5 exams)

1. Follow up of the last meeting

Point discussed – the decision to have more of a discussion and less presentations during the committee.

2. Punkte der Sekundarschule

- a. Art: Vernissage, School Dance, Exhibition visits and projects. S7 Vernissage is on 13.12.; BAC Committee will provide drinks and snacks; School Dance's Decorations provided by the Art Department and Students (Deep Sea Disco); Visit to the Schirn Kunsthalle. Point from parents: no invitation was received for the Vernissage. Daniella Schmitt checks and an invitation was sent out to S7 parents and students, information was also included in the Friday Flyer. Reminder e-mail will be sent out tomorrow to the entire community.
- b. Music: Winter Wonderland concert (Ms. Harskuti talks about the wonderful performances by the rock band, school choir, teachers and Secondary musicians, decorations done by ISRM), Winter Chaos (some of the student acts from the Winter Wonderland concert will be repeated at the Winter Chaos, completely organized by the S7 students for the last day of school), Science Symposium music performances in planning by Head of Music, Ms. Harskuti.
- c. Languages: S4 trips and theater visits. Talk about the theater visits by the S6+ S7 French students, S1/ Myp1 visited Oliver Twist in the English Theater. S2 Latin Trip to Archaeological Museum. Book-Fair visit by Spark Magazine-students. Information by Rufino Cuesta about the upcoming DELE and DALF exams in Spanish and French at external institutes. Q from parents: do students need extra certificates when they apply to universities. Mr. Cuesta confirms that Spanish is automatically recognized. Ms. Schmitt shows a general languages letter that students get, should their universities require this. S4 trips addressed by Ms. Schmitt – three trips to Valencia, Nice and Parma. Planning and organisation has been difficult this year – at the moment such extracurricular trips are not foreseen for next year.



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- d. Diversity and Inclusion Days, dedicated to different cultures. Talk by Ms. Schmitt about the celebration of cultural traditions and identities, dedicated to the festival of lights: Hannukah, Diwali and Christmas exhibition close to the Fish Tank.

3. Punkte der Primarschule

- a. Update EU Hours and L3. Plan for EU hours to be extended to PP. L3 will continue to be offered in P4-P5. Writing Fest is happening this schoolyear again (texts can be written in L1, L2 & every other European language).
- b. Update Art: art room looks amazing. Cooperation with Brunnen Center, where students exhibited their work from different classes and other students visited them and heard about their conceptual ideas in a gallery ambiente. May 2024 participation "Weltkinder-Maltag"
- c. Update Music: Choir has many participants (50) and many more are on the waiting list. There are collaborations in the sphere of opera foreseen for 2024 (Papageno). Spring concert planned in 2024.
- d. Additional cultural opportunities Primary. Move-project foreseen for 2025 – whereby a choreography is prepared with the students, foreseen for P1-P5. Theatre visits considered with the Festspiele in Bad Vilbel and the English theater. Many students will visit Robin Hood tomorrow.
- e. No Art-Festival (Spring 2024) because of the Science Symposium.
- f. Theatre in L1 & L2, for development of the presentation skills
- g. Classroom-Library important, exists in nearly every class.
- h. Maybe next year there will be plans for a theater camp during the vacations.

4. Punkte der Elternvereinigung

- a. Gibt es vielleicht eine Möglichkeit wieder eine Musical-AG bzw. ein Musical-/oder Theaterprojekt (Secondary Schüler oder ab P5) zukünftig zu realisieren? Mr. Zijlstra: yes, I am in favour. Ms. Schmitt: with the expansion of ISRM and the Diploma Program, more music teachers will be hired and it could be a realistic undertaking for 2025.

5. AOB

- a. Point about Extracurricular Language Clubs in Secondary to be paid by parents. Not all students are interested only in sports or natural science clubs. Ms. Schmitt will investigate/ talk to colleagues and see whether this can be offered for Semester 2.
- b. Thank you to the Secondary Team for the Duke of Edinburgh Award undertaking that has been expanded and covers ISRM and ESRM. Students and parents very excited and grateful for this opportunity.
- c. Thank you to the Heads and all teachers for their hard work and the great projects.
- d. New Graffiti outdoor, next to the Secondary Mensa exit. One more is planned at the Pavillion-Entrance (Primary)
- e. Auditors praised the Art and Music Departments.
- f. Secondary Choir very good development. Band impressive.